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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

1301 Piccard Dr., Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Brenda Brooks, Ilana Cohen, Maya Das, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Linda McMillan, Susan Milstein and Sheela Modin.

Members Absent: Ron Bialek, Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Marla Caplon, Kathy Mann Koepke, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Fabienne Santel, and Wayne Swann, and Bridget Ware.

Staff Present: Mark Hodge, Ellen Segal, and Robyn Simmons.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- Vice Chair Mitchell Berger called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- **Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the November 2016 minutes was made by Michelle Hawkins and seconded by Susan Milstein. The minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- **Next Meetings** – The next COH meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at 1301 Piccard Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. The following meeting will be held March 16, 2016 at 1301 Piccard Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.
- Inclement weather policy follows Montgomery County Public Schools weather cancellations. If schools or after-school activities are closed/cancelled there will be no meeting.

3.0 Chief's Report-Mark Hodge (The Chief's Report is from the December 2016 Chief's Report included in packet.)

- Care for Kids enrollment continues to be very high. Enrollment may see slowing with the new administration.
- Demand for dental services is increasing as a result of the CFK high enrollment, as we provide dental services to CFK clients.
- Montgomery Cares 2.0 Implementation Plan should be completed soon.

4.0 Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board Presentation – Carol Jordan

Carol Jordan is the Co-Chair of FIMR.

- There are close to 13,000 births in Montgomery County every year.
- The African American population sees much higher rates of infant mortality compared to other ethnicities.
- In 2014 statistics showed that 4.8% of babies born in Montgomery County die in their first year of life.
- In 2007 4.4% more blacks died of infant mortality than whites.
- Montgomery County low and very low birthweights (those under 3.3 lbs.) in 2014 comprises of 9% of total births and absorbs 53% of costs in hospitals.

- March of Dimes seeks to increase the number of healthy babies born through their “Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait” program.
- The cost for full-term baby delivery in hospitals is \$4,500 and \$150K for very low birthweight births.
- As a percentage, adolescent birthrates are low in Montgomery County. Due to our dense population, the birthrates are high county-wise.
- In the upcoming year FIMR will be working on:
 - Developing community-based initiatives that address key factors in fetal/infant loss.
 - Identify and support effective strategies to reduce persistent racial disparities in infant mortality.
 - Promote healthy lifestyles and a medical home for all women of childbearing age.
- FIMR is beginning to look at Montgomery County zip codes for demographics.
- Sheila O’Connor has a list of all County programs for pregnant women.

5.0 County Council Report – Linda McMillan

- County Council just came back into session. There was discussion on minimum wage.

6.0 New Business

- Motion to approve the letter of support for PHS Accreditation made by Susan Milstein and seconded by Graciela Jaschek. The motion was approved by voiced consent.
- Motion to send a letter of condolence on behalf of COH to Dr. Tillman’s family was made by Dr. Modin and seconded by Michelle Hawkins.
- COH would like to sign and send a sympathy card for Dr. Tillman’s family at the February meeting.

7.0 Break for Workgroups - Recaps

- Men’s Health
 - Is in the process of gathering data. Next step will be to figure out how to use the data.
 - The workgroup would like it if they could get some kind of County recognition on men’s health.
- Health Prevention
 - The workgroup may have a speaker lined up for March.
 - Creating a report on school food. Hopes to discuss this with Marla Caplon.
 - Would like to discuss with Michelle Hawkins the “Eat Well, Be Active” group.
- Health Literacy
 - Mitchell Berger took the Smart training.
 - The group is looking at the navigator’s training to see if they could define terms adequately.
 - Would like to see County staff take training classes on literacy; plans to take this to the County Council.

8.0 Motion to Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Mark Hodge
Commission on Health